

The Milan Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on 06/19/2017 at 7:00 PM at the Milan Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor William Gallagher
Councilpersons Jack Campisi, Charles Godfrey, Marion Mathison, Douglas Raelson

The Supervisor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Regular Town Board Meeting 05/15/2017 - **MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to accept the minutes as written. Roll was taken and carried

YES - 3 Campisi, Godfrey, Gallagher

NO – 2 Mathison, Raelson

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Notice from NYS Department of Taxation and Finance – informing the town that their equalization rate is at 100.00
- Letter dated June 2, 2017 from Dutchess County Dept. of Law asking the towns to notify them when they become aware a taxpayer files for a petition in bankruptcy court.
- Letter dated June 8, 2017 from Dutchess County Transportation Council notifying the town of highway projects in several towns throughout the county.
- Email from Dutchess County notifying the town of a bridge replacement on Academy Hill Road.
- Letter dated June 6, 2017 from John Faso thanking the Supervisor for allowing him to speak at the town's Memorial Day Parade.
- Letter from Planning Board regarding - Notification of completed application for mining proposal – Roe-Jan Facility – Mined Land Reclamation-

Bryan Vosburg Minor Subdivision

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to appoint the Milan Planning Board as lead agency on the Bryan Vosburg minor subdivision application. Roll was taken and carried

YES - 4 Campisi, Godfrey, Raelson, Gallagher

NO – 0

Abstain – 1 Mathison

284 Highway Agreement

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to approve the 284 agreement to Spend Highway Funds for General Repairs in the amount of \$428,091 for fiscal year 2017. Roll was taken and carried

YES - 5 Campisi, Godfrey, Mathison, Raelson, Gallagher

NO – 0

The Supervisor spoke briefly about shared services. He touched on the following:

- Worker's Compensation
- Purchasing salt from the county

- Highway equipment rental
- Public outreach system
- Final meeting is July 18, 2017 for draft plan presented to the county legislature by August 1st.

The Supervisor said that there will be three public hearings – one (1) day, one (1) evening and (1) one weekend.

Local Law # 2 of 2017 – Amending Chapter 200 Zoning of the Town of Milan Code

Resolution # 5 2017 – Local Law # 2 of 2017 Modifying the Eligibility Requirements and Increasing the Maximum Income Eligibility to Qualify for a Partial Exemption from taxation to Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes with Disabilities and Limited Incomes Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 459-c(1)(a),(1)(b) and (5)(a) of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York offered by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi

SECTION 2.

As of January 1, 2008, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 459-c(1)(a), real Property owned by one or more persons with disabilities, or real property owned by a husband, wife, or both, or by siblings, at least one of whom has a disability, or real property owned by one or more persons, some of whom qualify under Section 459-c and Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law and whose income, as hereinafter defined, is limited by reason of such disability, shall be exempt from taxation from any municipal corporation to the extent as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 3.

As of July 1, 2018, the maximum income for qualified persons with disability in accordance with Section 459-c(1)(b) and Section 459-c(5) of the Real Property Tax Law shall be increased to \$29,000.00 with a schedule of partial exemptions as follows:

Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt Annual Income from Taxation

\$29,000 or less 50%

\$29,001 to \$29,999 45%

\$30,000 to \$30,999 40%

\$31,000 to \$31,999 35%

\$32,000 to \$32,900 30%

\$32,901 to \$33,800 25%

\$33,801 to \$34,700 20%

\$34,701 to \$35,600 15%

\$35,601 to \$36,500 10%

\$36,501 to \$37,400 5%

Roll was taken and carried

YES - 5 Campisi, Godfrey, Mathison, Raelson, Gallagher

NO – 0

PUBLIC WORKS SPENDING

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Godfrey to authorize the Supervisor and the Highway Superintendent each, to spend no more than \$9,999.00 on public works per occurrence without prior town board approval. Discussion followed.

Roll was taken and carried

YES - 5 Campisi, Godfrey, Mathison, Raelson, Gallagher

NO – 0

FAMILY PLAN LEAVE

The Supervisor shared with the town board information that he had received regarding insurance:

- “New York enacted a paid family leave law, which will be phased in over a four-year period”
- “the paid family leave benefits will be funded by employees’ payroll deductions”
- “Employers will be required to post a notice about the law and provide written notice to certain employees”

The Supervisor said that the town can start collecting employee contributions starting July 1, 2017. The contributions would be up to 0.126 of the employees’ weekly wages. Starting January 1, 2018 the employees will be eligible for paid family leave benefits. He asked the board if they wanted to start collecting in July or wait until January. Discussion followed and the board decided to have the bookkeeper look into it.

Highway Building

Glenn Butler, Highway Superintendent gave an update on the new building at the Highway Department. He said that they poured the footings, the floor was done, the structural steel is up. Mr. Butler said that a few more steel supports were needed before they start the sheet metal. He said that they are making very good progress.

MVP Health Plan

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to renew the MVP Nationwide Network Medical Plan for one year beginning August 1, 2017. Discussion followed. The Supervisor said that it is the same plan with a very small increase. Roll was taken and carried

YES - 5 Campisi, Godfrey, Mathison, Raelson, Gallagher

NO – 0

SOLAR PANEL /CENTRAL HUDSON INTERCONNECT

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Mathison to proceed with the Solar Panel contract – Central Hudson Interconnect and remote Net Metering contracts. Discussion Council. Mathison said that they are actually applications not contracts.

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Mathison to strike the word “contract” and change it to “applications”. Roll was taken and carried

YES - 5 Campisi, Godfrey, Mathison, Raelson, Gallagher

NO – 0

Council. Mathison said that the applications are complete and are ready for authorization, and the Supervisor signature.

Council. Campisi is there any cost to the town should we not decide to go ahead with this project?

Council. Mathison said \$1500 if we go ahead, that is waived.

Council. Campisi asked why should the town pay \$1500?

Council. Mathison said that was the discussion that was held with Bob Hamil and the reason is because it’s the amount of the engineer’s time to finish up the engineering cost.

Council. Campisi did not think that the town should pay that. He said that was up to them to take that chance to do this before the board votes on the application. He said why should tax payers pay for something that the town may not want to do.

Council. Mathison said that it is simply a way to expedite the applications and has been discussed. She said that if you prefer to put a motion on the table to pay according to the terms.

Council. Campisi said "what terms"

Council. Mathison said "according to the invoice"

Council. Campisi said there should not be an invoice.

Council. Mathison said there is an invoice for \$1500, if we proceed with this.

Council. Campisi said that his point was there should not be an invoice for \$1500, this is part of their business. If they want to go ahead and do it and wait until Thursday, there is no reason to do it now.

The Supervisor said that we should go along with it. The Supervisor said that the board has another meeting on Thursday to decide if the town is going forward with the project. He said that he met with the Bob Hamil and he said that even if the job did not go through he wanted to be compensated. The Supervisor said that he felt that was not unreasonable, and he would go along with paying him.

Council. Raelson said that if we wait until the meeting on Thursday we might jeopardize our ability to get this done in a timely manner because of the July 18th dead line.

Council. Campisi said that if you look at the program he schedule this for the week of the 26th. So, he thought that the week of the 26th was sufficient enough time to get this done, so how are we jeopardizing anything.

Council. Mathison said that the time line is that Central Hudson could do a fast expedite because it is a small system. Central Hudson would review the applications in ten business days.

Council. Campisi said that the documents that were submitted have a step by page step process for the construction of this facility if the town decides to go this way. He said one phase of it says to submit these documents during the week of June 26th. Council. Campisi said that if Mr. Hamil thought that this was the case why are we submitting this early?

Supervisor Gallagher said that we indicated to him to go forward with the interconnect so in the event that everything went through on Thursday, it would all be in place.

Council. Campisi responded saying that his point was that he did not expect to have this done until the week of June 26th.

Council. Raelson was wondering about the time line. He said that it was in the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction Agreement – page 25.

There was a question regarding the submission of the Interconnection.

Council. Mathison said that submittal of Central Hudson Interconnection Agreement is June 23rd, so there is no issue.

Discussion continued and the board decided to put this to a vote. Roll was taken and carried

YES - 4 Godfrey, Mathison, Raelson, Gallagher

NO – 1 Campisi

BILLS: the bills were presented to the Board for their audit and review. **MOTION** by Council. Campisi seconded by Supervisor Gallagher to pay General Abstract # 6 Claims 207 thru 269, totaling \$27,314.23 – Highway Abstract # 6 Claims 74 thru 94, totaling \$11,975.82 – Escrow Abstract # 6 Claim 4, totaling \$3,207.24 – Highway Storage Building # 6 Claim # 1, totaling \$106,633.80. Roll was taken and carried

YES - 5 Campisi, Godfrey, Mathison, Raelson, Gallagher

NO – 0

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to adjourn this meeting.

(7:40 PM). Roll was taken and carried

YES - 5 Campisi, Godfrey, Mathison, Raelson, Gallagher

NO – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Gill, Town Clerk